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## DUMMER'S OLDEST NEIGHBOR DIES

Anne True Ambrose, known to many generations of Dummer boys as "Aunt Anne" passed quietly away at the house of Frank Ambrose in South Byfield. She was a native of Hampshire and had attained the age of one hundred and two years and twenty-five days. She was a cousin of Mary Baker Eddy and until very recently retained all her faculties, so that her memories of events and personages for nearly a century were perfectly clear and of great interest to all who knew her. It has been customary for the school to present Aunt Anne on her birthday with roses numbering as her years, but after she passed the century mark they started again at one.

## BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR GOLF TEAM

The golf team is looking forward to another successful season. The course is rapidly rounding into shape, and Coach Skerrye can soon get a good idea of what his men are good for. Of last year's team English, the number two man and Schultz the number four man, returned. A good sized squad is out, and from this number two others should be chosen of good ability. English seems capable of taking the lead off position, and Schultz should move up; but Griggs, Wilson, McKinley and Fearnside will give him hot battles all the way. An extensive schedule is planned, Phillips Exeter, Newton High, Lowell High, and Thayer Academy are expected to be played. Other members of the squad are: Alexander, J. S. Bridges, F. L. Brown, Budgell, R. P. Chase, E. H. Cox, Jackson, Lawson, May, McKinney, Moulton, Padula, Palmer, Pickering, C. Schultz, T. S. Walker.

### JUNIOR PROM IN MAY

The date for the Junior Prom has been set at May 8, and the committee has made all the necessary arrangements with the weather man. The affair will be held at the Ould Newbury Golf Club.

## RESUME OF THE WINTER SPORTS

The athletic end of the winter term was in every way an unqualified success. Little sickness and few injuries marred the season, many budding athletes were uncovered, and the all around losses sustained were fewer than ever. Of the athletes who were outstanding for their all around ability White and Hinds were the bright glits.

White was captain and high point scorer of the track team, and in addition he played a commendable game at back on the basketball team. Hinds was captain of basketball and high point scorer. He was the mainstay of the team, and it was through his steadying influence that most of our victories were won. The "doctor" was also a capable point winner on the track team, taking part in four events.

McKinley, Kenney, Griggs and Hart certainly did their share to make the athletic record so fine. The track team had the best record going through an undefeated season, and it proved to be one of the best balanced aggregations we have supported in some years. White and McKinley were the satellites. The prospects of a good basketball team seemed dubious at the outset of the season because of the scarcity of letter men in the school. However, several showed their school spirit by turning out although they had had little previous experience in that line. Under the able tutelage of Coach Reagan these and others blossomed into players of no little ability and the team, playing one of the hardest schedules they have had in recent years, won four out of twelve starts. Hinds and White were the individual stars.

The hockey season was a great improvement over that of recent years. The team, hampered by the lack of ice, won one out of three games and held the fast Stone team to one goal. A much improved rink was introduced, and the standards of the game was in every way raised. A majority of the players were sophomores which augurs well for next year.

### GOLF CLUB OPENS

The Ould Newbury Golf Club was opened up on April 1 with the appearance of the professional, Jim Lowe; and the chef is due about April 15.

## CHANCE TO DEVELOPE FAST BASEBALL TEAM

The baseball outlook this year is more promising than it has been for several years. With nine veterans back and seventeen recruits, the squad is a very large one. The battery with Hinds, White, McKinley and Fitzsimmons back is well taken care of. Hinds, who was made into a catcher last year, developed into one of the best catchers in these parts, is showing great form this year, and we expect great things from our "Doc." White and McKinley, who did the bulk of the twirling last year, are slowly rounding into

shape; but the cold weather has held them back a bit. White's arm is in fine shape and we will undoubtedly see some fine twirling from this moundman. Fitzsimmons, last year's relief twirler, has put on weight; and with last year's experience behind him will be a valuable asset.

Haley is out for the keystone sack again this year. He claims that he is going to have the job all alone this season. It will be remembered that last year he and Emerson battled for the position, and we wish the little fellow the best of luck this year. Hart will be seen chasing around the short field again this year. Hart is a likely young ball player, who has a brilliant future ahead of him; and with a season's play under his belt should be a much better player. Kenney is out to hold down the hot corner. He, like Haley, had a duel for the job last year and is out to have the position his own this year. Last year he was rather nervous, but it was his first campaign, and this year should tell a different story.

Sawyer and Sleeper who struggled for the left field berth last season are out for left and right fields respectively. When McKinley is not pitching he will be seen roaming about in the central garden, and it is a well known fact that his territory is always well cared for.

Of the new players not enough has been seen to draw any definite conclusions; but Griggs, Reedy, Calderwood, Whyte, Wilson and Hyams look best at present. The squad has been out almost every day since school opened this term, but the conditions have been very poor for practise.

The field would make a good hang-out for the frogs at present, but this hasn't diminished the zeal of the players. Not much hitting practise has been indulged in, and the practises have been mostly to smooth off the rough edges.

Just as soon as the conditions become better the squad will move rapidly. All in all we are looking forward to a most successful season.

The squad is: Pitchers—Captain White, McKinley, Fitzsimmons, Wilson and Griggs; Catchers—Hinds and J. Van Etten; Infielders—Calderwood, Reedy, Hart, Haley, Hyams, Kenney, Pillsbury, Whyte, Kitteredge, Best and Burch; Outfielders—McKinley, Sawyer, Sleeper, Scott, Woodard, Albani, Bottger, W. Van Etten and Lane.

## McKINNEY CHOSEN CAPTAIN OF TRACK

Frank McKinney of Manchester, N. H., was recently elected to captain the 1927 track team. McKinney is a speedy dash man and was well up among the point scorers this year. He has been on the track squad for two years. Besides this honor he is president of the junior class, manager of baseball last year, and a member of the student council. McKinney will have but two other letter men under him next year, but there are a lot of promising men who missed their letters this year by a narrow margin and should ripen into fine runners next year.

## TENNIS TEAM TO BE SUPPORTED

After a lapse of a year, Dummer will again be represented by a tennis team, and from glimpses last fall it should be a strong one. "Al" Horr was on the team for two years, and John Bridges is a veteran of one season. McKinley is also a strong player and should easily secure a position on the team. Sloane is a clever young player and several new comers are expected to put up strong bids. The rest of the squad consists of J. W. Bridges, Carter, Gove, Martinez, Hamilton and Morrison.



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EDITORIAL

Spring is here! Both officially, according to the calendar, and in fact, demonstrated by the fashion parades along the board walks of Dummer on Easter Sunday. Spring brings the birds, and the grass, and the leaves, and the buds, golf, tennis, baseball, and the return of the chef to the club, and that insidious disease, spring fever.

Spring fever is a contagious and intangible disease the bacilli of which scientists have not yet been able to discover. It is a disease like the mumps—we all have that once a lifetime—and we get spring fever annually. The symptoms of this disease are mental lassitude coupled with wandering thoughts. The results of an attack of this are most harmful, and a prolonged attack has in many cases spoiled a scholastic standing for an entire year. The sensations creep upon one—it is strange to say—when studying. One is most susceptible when trying to concentrate. Now the remedy lies, not in giving up studying, but in applying just a little more effort.

Too many of us are inclined to work fairly hard the first two terms, and with the advent of spring, slow down. The principle is the same as slowing down on the last lap of a

race—an unheard of procedure. With College Entrance Exams just ahead we should try to push ahead a little faster. Too often the success or failure of a year's mark depends on the work put into the last term. So with the goal in sight increase your effort, and have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best.

A PLEA FOR NEATNESS

Dr. Ingham's talk in the chapel will detract from the originality and take some of the sting out of this article, but what he said was true. We are inclined to drop paper, peelings, and pasteboard with amazing nonchance. The result is not exactly pleasing to the eyes. I am not urging that everyone spend his time picking up this piece of paper and chasing that one. The paper will vanish quickly enough if the source is stopped up.

If instead of undressing Hershey bars all over the campus, you will cast their luxurious wraps into some convenient receptacle, the campus will improve in appearance one hundred percent. It is not a very great hardship to impose on anyone, and the improvement in the grounds will be remarkable. We have wastebaskets here—believe it or not—let's use them. The poor little things are pining away from lack of attention.

The same goes for your rooms. It isn't essential that everyone become a little housewife, and spend his time with a mop and dust-cloth; but we can devote a little time every day—instead of once a term—to keeping things looking fairly presentable.

I don't suppose that this will stir up much enthusiasm, but if it starts someone going it will gather headway before long. You know—it doesn't hurt to be neat and clean.

THE BROOK

Down from the rocky mountain side  
Over the rocks and ground  
A little stream doth dance and glide  
And make a pleasant sound.

Sparkling and glistening all the day  
And through the meadows green  
It winds its never-ending way  
To me, its like a dream.

I like to sit upon its banks  
And spread my little feet  
And to my God I give my thanks  
For all his wondrous feats.

In its water so cool and clear  
The little fishes play  
With not a single thing to fear  
All through the sunny day.

It never stops its endless way  
In the rays of the sun's bright light  
It sparkles all the happy day  
Until comes the dark of night.

R. A. Hale, aged 13.

Dum - Dum Corner

C-d, "You look a lot like Bert Lytell."

L-e, "Aw you aren't any Bert lie teller."

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Carter and Mr. Skerrye in a playful mood:

Mr. Skerrye, "When was Gladstone Prime Minister?"

Carter, (a bit confused), "1886 to 1874, sir."

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Baseball has started. All we need now is a little sun to account for the misjudged flies.

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"A young man's fancy" cannot afford to turn very far with the shadow of C. B. E. E.'s hanging over him.

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The suggestion that vacation be resumed after a week of school was finally rejected by the faculty—with a majority of one vote—yes, indeed.

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"Doc" Hinds will now croon that touching lullabye "Lights out or five marks."

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We note that the golf team is beginning to warm up every now and then. I suppose that we shall have the usual crop of good lies and bad lies. (To be taken as you please).

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We always knew that "Nick" Schultz was interested in chickens but we weren't aware that he was studying incubators.

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When you have just found out that you have to stay up here twenty days for the privilege of taking two half-point College Boards, it is hard to see anything funny about anything.

THE VOYAGE

In waters of an unknown land,  
Where sorrow is not known,  
The voyage of my ship began  
And out to sea 'twas blown.

For years, I think, my ship will sail,  
The waters of life's sea;  
I'll do my best and will not fail;  
My trust will be in Thee.

If ever woe should come my way,  
My ground I'll always stand,  
And never will I flinch away  
But make myself a man.

When darkness comes upon the day,  
And night winds cover me;  
"Successfully," my friends can say,  
"His ship has sailed the sea."

R. A. Hale, aged 13.

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## Alumni

1924

Travis N. Ingham spent the first week in April at the school.

Neal Boyd visited the school on April 3.

1923

Paul F. Thomas was the outstanding goal guard in the interclass hockey series at Brown. "Tommy" played for the sophomores.

James G. Gardiner has just been initiated into the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity at Yale.

Sherman S. Jewett is on the production staff of the Playcraftsman of Yale.

1922

George W. Burr is a senior in the Yale Sheffield Scientific School, where he has been cited for excellency in all subjects.

1921

Robert Harkness is on the student council at Bowdoin.

1911

Frederick W. Toppan, one of the smartest boys in the school in his time, still retains his family residence at 20 Toppans Lane, Newburyport. The Toppans are among the oldest families in the "port."

1907

Arthur H. Cole is assistant professor of economics and a tutor in the government, history, and economics department at Harvard. Mr. Cole holds degrees from Bowdoin and Harvard.

1900

Frederick H. Johnson is the musical director at Bradford Academy. He has won an A.B. degree from Harvard and an F.A.G.O. from the American Guild of Organists, and he holds an enviable position in the musical world. He resides at 5 Fernwood Avenue, Bradford, Mass.

1895

The Reverend Raymond M. D. Adams is the rector of the Susquehanna parish and St. James Church, Port Deposit, Maryland. He spent four years at Dummer, pursued his higher education at Harvard, and took theological studies at the Episcopal Seminary, Cambridge. He was on the social service commission, diocese of Western Massachusetts; a member of the commission for work among young men and boys, diocese of Connecticut; and he is now a

member of the department of religious education, diocese of Easton.

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James T. Terry, a member of the firm of Terry & Co., Insurance, situated at 7 Hanover street, New York, is now in Japan on business.

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Nils Forsberg, ex '26, was a visitor at the school on April 3.

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We bow our heads in sorrow when news reaches us of the old Dummer men who have answered the last call. Captain Joseph Withington, who won a noble record in the Civil War, passed away in Martoon, Illinois on June 18, 1920. He was of an honored old Newbury family from which sprang the Harvard Withingtons and others.

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Marcus T. Hun died in Albany, N. Y., his home city, on February 28, 1920.

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Cornelius Moynihan of Hamilton, Mass., died there a few years ago.

## News of Interest

Due to a very contagious epidemic of grippe the date of the closing of school for the spring recess was advanced four days to March 16.

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Despite the late winter snows and cold the baseball team was able to get outdoors for its first practise on March 30.

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Willis T. Hunt, a former master, is attending the Yale Theological School.

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# EDDY HITTING THE HAY FOR A THESIS

Spencer D. Eddy, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., has completed the preliminary work of a study on "Method for Measuring the Market for Hay in any Community," for the research department of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania. Eddy, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Eddy, will soon enter upon the final writing of his thesis, which is a requirement for graduation, each student being obliged to do a piece of practical research before receiving his diploma.

The senior research is one of the most important phases of the Wharton School curriculum and marks a definite attempt on the part of the authorities to give the graduating students a taste of practical business problems. This year over five hundred students carried on research, seventy per cent of whom engaged in actual field work.

Over two hundred manufacturing and business establishments co-operated with the Wharton School by opening their plants to the students. Many of these have availed themselves of the results of the studies to improve their method and equipment, and each year increasing numbers of concerns are asking for Wharton research students in connection with one or another of their difficulties. In addition to research in business institutions, studies have been made for the Pennsylvania State Department of Labor and Industry, the Philadelphia Housing Association and other bodies.

The average time spent on research of the type which Eddy is doing is eight hours per week over a period of six months. Studies are made in every field of business activity and are under the supervision of the faculty and the heads of the business in which the research is being made, thus insuring a practical approach to the problem.

Eddy prepared for the University of Pennsylvania at Dummer Academy where he was a member of the football team

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- April 7 Groton at Groton.
- April 14 Hillcrest at So. Byfield.
- April 17 Traip Academy at Kittery.
- April 21 Middlesex at Concord.
- April 24 Thayer Acad. at So. Braintree.
- April 28 Country Day at So. Byfield.
- May 5 DeWitt-Clinton at So. Byfield.
- May 8 Traip Acad. at So. Byfield.
- May 12 Country Day at Newton.
- May 19 Johnson High at So. Byfield.
- May 21 Manning High at So. Byfield.
- May 26 Practical Arts at So. Byfield.
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